ALPHONSE, GASTON AND THEIR FRIEND LEON IN DARKEST AFRICA.

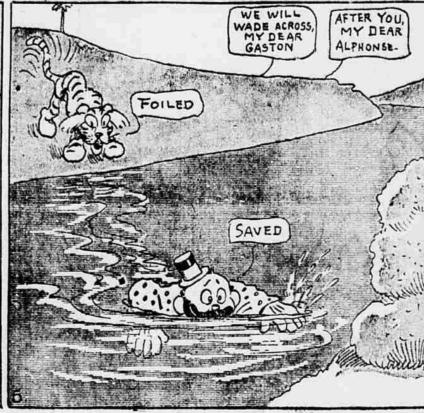
A Story of Incredible Adventures and Inexhaustible Politeness. In Four Chapters. Chapter 2.













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"I am going to marry Katle; she has just the right hands to make dumplings."—Meg-gendorfer Blaetter.



Mrs. Van Albert: "Here, bey, what do you mean by pommeling my little, Reginald?" naid"

Micky: "Well, yer see, mum, it's just dis way: Me physical-culture professor told me dat a punchin' bag was a little too heavy yet, so I'm practicin' on something soft."

The Observant Youth.

The pompous new resident had been having a set-to with the smart boy of the neighborhood. This was the youngster's neighborhood. This was the parting shot:

"Aw, you don't need t' think you're no whole legislacher jist becon everybody's al'ays présentin' bills to you!"—Baltimore

Eye to the Future. Jikson: "Doctor Bolus says he thinks that in the next world we shall do pretty much the same as we do in this."

Harkins: "So? That must be why he sands so many of his patients there. Evidently he expects to find a fine practice awaiting him when he reaches the other side."—Boston Transcript.

Its Truthful Look. "What is this?" asked the crusty boarder, poking at something in his dish, while he turned a glaring eye on the landlady.
"That, Mr. Barseigh," explained the chatelaine of the feedery, "is one of the new predigested foods. I thought my boarders might appreciate the introduction of a novelty of some sort."



Mrs. Henpeck: "I'm sorry I ever married you."

Mr. Henpeck: "So am I. This is the first question we have ever agreed upon."

The man who says "It to Will always have my sympathy,
But he who says
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-Pittsburg Dispatch. Nothing to Brag Ot.

all."
"Oh, yes, he has."
"Not much of a one?"
"No: not much of a one, of course. In fact, it's of such a trifling importance that when he beats some one out of \$1,000 he can square things with it by contributing \$1.50 to charity. Still, it's a conscience."—Chi-

In Better Taste.

"Tour daughter," said Mrs. Oldcastle, after being conducted through the newly finished wing of the magnificent palace occupied by the Buillingtons, "has such a splendid vocabulary!"

"Do you think so?" her hostess replied. "Josiah wanted to get her one of them escritoires, but I made up my mind right at the start that a vocabulary would look better in a room furnished like hers is, even if it didn't cost quite so much."—Chicago Record-Heraid. An Embarrassing Situation "What a beautiful luncheon!" said the

cago Record-Herald.

Mother: "Tommy, what's your little brother crying that way for?"

Tommy (who has taken the little fellow's cake): "I guess that's the only way he knows how to cry, ma."—Philadelphia

Choice of Skating Partner.

False Huir Emportum. Mr. Reuben Eck: "Doing some shopping or your mother to-day, weren't you?" for your mother to-day, weren't you?"

Miss Grownsere (unwarily): "No; I was
quite selfish to-day. All I did was for myself. Why?"

Mr. Reuben Eck: "I saw you going into
that false-hair emporium."—Philadeiphia
Press Press.

His Reason. Smithkins: "There's old Buffkins. I don't care to meet him. Let's turn this way. Lest summer I requested a loan of \$30." Tiffkins: "Well, he ought to have obliged you; he's rich enough."
Smithkins: "The trouble is he did!"Smart Set.

The dog had been chasing his own tall "What a beautiful luncheon!" said the guest.

"Yes," answered Mr. Cumrox, "mother and the girls say it is all right."

"But you aren't enjoying it."

"No: I'm a little embarrassed. I've been standing over here trying to figure out which are the edibles and which are the decorations."—Washington Star.

The fog had been chasing his own tall for a quarter of an hour.

"Pepa." quoth Willie, "what kind of a dog is that?"

"A watch dog, my son," responded the parent.

Willie pondered a moment.

"Well," he finally observed, "from the decorations."—Washington Star.

Wille pondered a moment.

"Well," he finally observed, "from the length of time it takes him to wind himself up I think it must be a Waterbury watch dog."—Town and Country.

Anna and Hilda were two dear little girls Anna and Hilda were two dear little girls who were neighbors. They were never known to quarrel. One day Hilda's mamma, seeing them playing together so beautifully, asked how it happened that they never had dissensions. "Oh," replied Anna, "whenever we begin to disjute about anything, Hilda changes the subject, and then it is all right again."—Exchange.

Born Too Soon.

Janitor's Wife: "Phwat are yez readin'?"
Janitor: "O'im readin' th' history av Napolean Bonaparte. Moy! Moy! Phwat a lanitor he wud ov made!"—New York
Weekly



HER CHIEF QUALITY. "My friend, don't marry Miss Miller; she is most unreasonable."
"But her dowry isn't."-Fliegende Blaetter.



FORCE OF HABIT.

Drummer: "Too bad. But perhaps I can call again later?"-Fliegende Blactter. Knew All About It. venue'T'
Johnny: "An upstart."
Teacher: "Give a sentence in which the
word is used."
Johnny: "When a man sits down on a

bent pin he gives a violent parvenue."-Signs of a Storm. My little sister had a dog of which she was particularly fond, and who was afraid of a thunderstorm, and used to take refuge

or a fauncestonii. and used to as in the cellar on such occasions. She announced one day during a storm:
"Gyp shut up his tall and ran down cellar."—Little Chronicle.
He (at the window): "It's very cheerful within, but disagreeable without."

She (coyly): "Without what?"

He (inspired): "Why, without you, dar-

and a few weeks later a furniture install-ment house was called upon to open a new account.—Chicago News.

Which She Did.
"George," said Mrs. Ferguson, "the peo-ple next door to us sent over again this morning for some—"
"I haven't any time to talk about the peo-ple next door," broke in Mr. Ferguson.
"I'm not asking you to talk about them,"





RUSHING " TTERS.

Miss: "I ruto